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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS FROM BOSWORTH

1. HAVE JUST SEEN COPENHAGEN 217 REPORTING DANISH RESPONSE TO OUR DEMARCHE ON LONG-TERM PROGRAM. SUGGEST YOU GO BACK FROM THE DEPARTMENT STRONGLY URGING THAT DANES NOT FOLLOW THROUGH ON THEIR STATED INTENT TO MATCH THE CANADIAN REQUEST FOR AN EXCEPTION FROM CHAPTER V WITH A DECLARATION "BRACKETING" CERTAIN OTHER PARTS OF THE PROGRAM. SUGGEST THIS FOLLOW-UP DEMARCHE MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) WE TOO ARE TROUBLED BY FACT THAT CANADA WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT ALL OF THE OBLIGATIONS OF CHAPTER V. HOWEVER, IN OUR VIEW CANADIAN CASE IS UNIQUE DUE PRINCIPALLY TO THEIR CONSTITUTION SITUATION. THEREFORE, PROVIDED THAT THE TEXT OF THE CANADIAN DECLARATION (1) CLEARLY ESTABLISHES THAT THEIR CASE IS SUI GERIS; (2) INDICATES CANADIAN INTENT TO MAKE CORRESPONDINGLY GREATER CONTRIBUTION TO OVERALL IEA REDUCED DEPEDENCE OBJECTIVES UNDER OTHER AREAS OF LONG-TERM PROGRAM; AND (3) CONTAINS CANADIAN PLEDGE TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN
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CHAPTER V REVIEW PROCEDURES; AND THAT CANADA ACCEPTS

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR PROJECT COOPERATION, WE WOULD CONSIDER THAT CANADIAN REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM CHAPTER V DOES NOT PREJUDICE THE OVERALL BALANCE OF COSTS AND BENEFITS UNDER THE LONG-TERM PROGRAM.

(B) WITH REGARD TO DANISH CONCERN OVER IMPLICATIONS OF CANADIAN TWO-TIER PRICING SYSTEM, WE NOTE THAT CANADIAN DELEGATION (AS WELL AS THAT OF U.S.) HAS TABLED LANGUAGE FOR GOVERNING BOARD CONCLUSIONS ON THE LONG-TERM PROGRAM REAFFIRMING THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT'S INTENT TO MOVE DOMESTIC ENERGY PRICES TOWARD WORLD PRICE LEVELS.

(C) WE ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT "BRACKETING" PROCEDURE BEING CONSIDERED BY DENMARK WOULD INEVITABLY DESTROY THE LONG-TERM PROGRAM AS AN EFFECTIVE VEHICLE OF CONSUMER COOPERATION AND SOLIDARITY. IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO VIEW AS SERIOUS OR TO FIND MUCH OF VALUE IN TERMS OF CONSUMER COOPERATION IN AN AGREEMENT IN WHICH A NUMBER OF MEMBER COUNTRIES HAVE INDICATED THAT THEIR PARTICIPATION IS CONDITIONAL. FAILURE TO ESTABLISH A SERIOUS IEA PROGRAM AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR OF NEGOTIATION WOULD, IN OUR VIEW, SERIOUSLY ERODE THE STATURE AND VITALITY OF THE AGENCY.

(D) (OPTIONAL) WE ARE "PUZZLED" BY INDICATION THAT DANES VIEW THE QUESTION OF CANADA'S REQUESTED EXCEPTION FROM CHAPTER V AS TIED IN SOME MANNER TO POSSIBLE EC-CANADA NEGOTIATIONS ON A CONTRACTUAL LINK.

2. THE TONE OF SOME OF THESE POINTS MAY BE TOO SHARP, AND YOU MAY WANT TO MODERATE THEM SOMEWHAT. HOWEVER, I DO THINK WE SHOULD PLACE THE DANES ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO GO ALONG WITH THEIR "BRACKETING" APPROACH. I WILL TRY TO CALL RIBERHOLDT FROM PARIS ON THURSDAY.
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